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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.  
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Date: 3 Oct 1994 19:51:06 GMT  
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References<35ut3f\$r9r@safety.ics.uci.edu> <Cwy4C6.LJ@cscsun.rmc.edu>,  
<36hrmc\$7pn@safety.ics.uci.edu>  
Subject: Re: Restrictive Covenants: I can't have \*any\* antenna?

In article <36hrmc\$7pn@safety.ics.uci.edu>, turner@safety.ics.uci.edu (Clark  
Savage Turner) writes:

|> In <Cwy4C6.LJ@cscsun.rmc.edu> dtiller@cscsun.rmc.edu (David Tiller) writes:  
|>  
|> > I think a well reasoned challenge to this  
|> >rule would be a boost to hams and possibly the community by showing how hams  
|> >can help out in times of emergency. My neighbors know who to come to when  
|> >they've got loved ones they want to contact in a disaster area!!!  
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|> Your point about hams helping in an emergency is near and dear to a lot  
|> of ham's hearts. Realistically though, it is NOT important to a majority  
|> of non hams I run into. I make presentations to townspeople for  
|> antenna permits, and when I mention the hams helping in an emergency,  
|> most of them laugh. It is embarrassing. The non ham often thinks that  
|> cell phones and the local town have it all together just fine, and there  
|> is no need for these hams to help out. There is no arguing with a lot

|> of these folks, they just won't listen. This sort of attitude is  
|> changeable, possibly, by ALL of us working a little at a time to show  
|> the non hams that ham radio is of great use in an emergency and that  
|> hams are generally very good neighbors.  
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|> Clark  
|> .....  
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|> Clark Savage Turner, Graduate Student Researcher

I suspect that Clark's point should be well taken, on the other hand,  
it can also depend on the audience you are addressing. I had to make  
a presentation to the local county Planning Commission about a year ago.  
This is the place where the epicenter of the Loma Prieta Quake of 89 is  
located. We also suffer from periodic wild fires. ARES/RACES is well  
integrated into the county, and the local politicians are aware of our  
presence mostly due to constant exposure over time during real emergencies.  
I found it quite effective to just drop some numbers on the planning commission  
concerning volunteer hours supplied during the different events. It  
went along way to demonstrating just how much work is being done by the  
amateurs during emergencies.

But to parallel what Clark is saying, If I was trying to make a presentation  
to the local garden club, I'd have to go alot further, and into a lot more  
detail to impress the folks about what amateurs are doing during  
emergencies. Even then, the local garden club is still going to be  
familiar with quakes and fires, since they live here too. It's all a  
matter of how we present the arguement and who the audience is!

Steve KA6S

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